UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

JOANN M. TAKACS,

CASE NO. 1:20-cv-02120

Plaintiff,

OPINION & ORDER [Resolving Doc. 1]

VS.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Plaintiff Takacs seeks judicial review of the Social Security Administration

Commissioner's final decision denying Plaintiff's application for disability insurance benefits.¹

On January 26, 2022, Magistrate Judge David A. Ruiz issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that the Court reverse the Commissioner's final decision denying Plaintiff Takacs' application and remand the case for further proceedings.² Defendant did not file objections to the R&R.

The Federal Magistrates Act requires district courts to conduct a *de novo* review of only objected-to portions of an R&R.³ Absent objection, district courts may adopt an R&R without review.⁴ Defendant did not object to the R&R, and this Court may adopt Magistrate Judge Ruiz's R&R without further review.

¹ Doc. 1. Plaintiff and Defendant filed merits briefs. Docs. 10; 11. Plaintiff filed a reply. Doc. 12.

² Doc. 13.

³ 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

⁴ *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149–52 (1985). Failure to timely object may waive a party's right to appeal the district court's order adopting the R&R. *Id.* at 155; *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947, 949–50 (6th Cir. 1981).

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Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS Magistrate Judge Ruiz's R&R, REVERSES the

Commissioner's final decision, and **REMANDS** the case for further proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 14, 2022 s/ James S. Gwin

JAMES S. GWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE